

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 8, 2017**

MINUTES

The Special Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, May 8, 2017 in the Auditorium of the Grafton High School at 7:00 p.m.

Upon order of the Moderator Raymond Mead, 217 Brigham Hill Road, checkers were stationed at the entrances to the hall, using voting lists on which to check the names of those persons who entered.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all present.

Mr. Mead advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting.

Mr. Mead then appointed David Robbins, 92 George Hill Road, as Deputy Moderator.

Mr. Mead recognized Ginny Kremer, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, Donna Girouard, Tim McInerney, Town Administrator and Representative David Muradian.

Town Clerk, Donna Girouard read the return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. ADJUST FY17 BUDGET

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted vote to transfer from available funds sums of money as set forth in the chart below, for the purpose of adjusting certain line items within the operating budget for FY17 as shown on the screen.

Amount:	Transfer From:	To:
\$3,355	Selectmen Expenses	Selectmen Personnel
\$3,875	Assessor Personnel	Selectmen Personnel
\$500	Assessor Expenses	Selectmen Personnel
\$1,009	HR Personnel	Selectmen Personnel
\$261	HR Expenses	Selectmen Personnel
\$200	Town Administrator Personnel	Town Administrator Expenses
\$1,580	Fire Department Personnel	Town Administrator Expenses
\$36,839	Town Administrator Personnel	Unclassified Personnel
\$6,400	Fire Department Personnel	Fire Department Expenses

\$296	HR Expenses	Unclassified Personnel
\$2,854	Accountant Personnel	Accountant Expenses
\$743	Assessor Personnel	Accountant Expenses
\$3,879	Treasurer Collector Personnel	Accountant Expenses
\$665	HR Expenses	GIS Expenses
\$994	Building Inspector Expenses	Building Inspector Personnel
\$50,000	Fire Department Equipment Outlay	Unclassified Expenses
\$265,045	Free Cash	Unclassified Personnel
\$16,489	Police Salaries	Police Expenses
\$820	Conservation Expenses	Conservation Salaries
\$700	Planning Expenses	Conservation Salaries

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY17 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to transfer from existing funds below, \$135,820, and \$110,180 from Free Cash for the purpose of balancing the Snow & Ice Account as shown on the screen.

Amount:	Transfer From:	To:
\$9,656	Treasurer Collector Personnel	Snow & Ice Personnel
\$25,000	Fuel/Gas Expenses	Snow & Ice Personnel
\$13,426	Council on Aging Personnel	Snow & Ice Personnel
\$2,010	Election Expenses	Snow & Ice Personnel
\$3,940	Planning Personnel	Snow & Ice Personnel
\$6,000	Economic Development Expenses	Snow & Ice Expenses
\$1,534	Municipal Center Expenses	Snow & Ice Expenses
\$51,803	Highway Personnel	Snow & Ice Expenses
\$5,000	Street Lighting Expenses	Snow & Ice Expenses
\$4,451	Veteran Personnel	Snow & Ice Expenses
\$13,000	Recreation Expenses	Snow & Ice Expenses

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. PROPANE FACILITY EVACUATION PLAN

Upon motion of Sargon Hanna, it was voted to transfer \$16,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the development of an evacuation plan to be used in the event of an emergency from the propane facility located on Westboro Road.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to authorize payment of the following prior fiscal year bills from the Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget:

\$3,197.06	App Geo
\$181.95	National Grid
\$89.99	Staples

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The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required nine-tenths vote.

ARTICLE 5. ASSESSORS CAMA SYSTEM CONVERSION

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to transfer the sum of \$24,000 from the Assessors Expenses budget into this warrant article for the purpose of funding the Assessors conversion from CAMA to Vision Systems.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. FUND FY17 UNEMPLOYMENT LIABILITY

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to transfer from existing funds below, totaling \$41,068, and transfer \$5,532 from free cash to fund the FY17 Unemployment Liability as shown on the screen.

Amount	Transfer From:	To:
\$8,000	Town Clerk Expenses	Unclassified Expenses
\$27,534	Municipal Center Personnel	Unclassified Expenses
\$5,534	Municipal Center Expenses	Unclassified Expenses

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. RESERVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to reserve \$2,442 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Act revenues for Affordable Housing.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 8. OPEN SPACE RESERVE

Upon motion of Sargon Hanna, it was voted to reserve \$2,442 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Act revenues for Open Space Preservation

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 9. HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to reserve \$2,442 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Act revenues for Historic Preservation.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 10. LIBRARY COLUMN RESTORATION

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to appropriate \$10,708 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Act revenues to restore the four exterior columns located at the entrance of the Grafton Library.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 11. CONCERT ON THE COMMON

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to transfer \$10,000 from Recreation Expenses to fund the July 4th Concert on the Common.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 12. SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell real property located at 105 Rear Westboro Road for private development for no less than \$25,000.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 13. WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Upon motion of Sargon Hanna, it was voted to transfer \$690,402.74 from Sewer Retained Earnings Account 25-440-145-3590 to fund the FY18 Debt Service related to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade as voted in Article 15 of the October 20, 2014 Semi-Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 14. LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term written lease with the highest qualified bidder, with options to extend for a period not to exceed 30 years for the purpose of constructing a cell tower and associated equipment on the property located at 21 Follette Street in Grafton.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 15. PIPELINE RESOLUTION ADOPTION (CITIZEN PETITION)

Carol Sotiropoulos gave a brief presentation about the pipeline.

Upon motion of Carol Sotiropoulos, it was voted to adopt the resolution as printed in the May 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion was made by Robert Misterka, 11 Cheryl Drive, to pass over the article.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated.

Motion was made by Scott Charpentier, 58 Barbara Jean Street, to amend the motion.

The Moderator ruled the amendment out of order.

The Moderator declared the original motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

The Moderator declared the motion carried

A true copy,

Attest,

Donna M. Girouard

Town Clerk